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Following based on unclarified sources between

and Kohlgrütz

concerned about policy implications press statements attributed  
General Clay and particularly possible Western policy shifts on Germany  
and Berlin. He asked whether consideration was being given possible extension  
recognition East Germany and specifically whether among negotiable items  
were (a) de facto recognition GDR; (b) formal acceptance Oder-Neisse frontier; (c)  
(c) ban on nuclear weapons for Bundeswehr.

Kohler characterized remarks attributed Gen. Clay as "newspaper canard".

Said formal recognition CIR out of question. US would not RPT not be party  
legalizing.

existing division of Germany. By some token, however,

would not yet not go forward to war to reunite Germany.

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However, present as considered advantages for West Germany expand

existing economic, cultural and social ties with East Germany so that

**33 million**

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53 million Germans in Fed Rep would be able exert every possible influence on  
17 million Germans under Communist control in Soviet Zone. As for [redacted]  
specific questions, Kohler said definition of de facto recognition fuzzy at best;  
US had no REP no intention change Odar-Neisse boundary; question nuclear weapons  
Bundeswehr somewhat surreal, since US and not German controlled nuclear warheads.

In response to questions concerning US stand on European security arrangements including Kohler said US still opposed Rapacki plan and any plan which <sup>aimed</sup> at neutralization Germany. Stressed importance <sup>beginning</sup> to follow present course, integrated with Western Europe and part of NATO. Pointed out, however, that certain proposals such as limitation forces and measures against surprise attack were now being restudied, and emphasized that whatever action taken, most important that NATO kept informed and involved.

In this connection, [redacted] US we would appreciate it (b) (1), (3) (d) (7) (D)  
Italian government gave its reply in NATO more positive instructions permitting him to  
give more vigorous forward support to proposals concerned with NATO military build up  
and economic countermeasures. [redacted] expressed surprise such problem bridged (b) (3) (D)  
but promised do what was necessary to remedy situation

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